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PRINCE PETER OF GREECE, COUSIN OF THE KING OF GREECE

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"GREECE AND THE TREND OF WORLD EVENTS"

PRINCE PETER, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, PRINCESS IRENE OF GREECE, IS A SOLDIER OF SOME NOTE, HAVING DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN THE WAR AGAINST THE ITALIANS IN 1940 and 1941. HE SERVED ON THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WAS ENTRUSTED WITH MANY IMPORTANT MISSIONS DEALING WITH OPERATIONS IN THE BALKANS. HE IS CONSIDERED A LIBERAL IN HIS POLITICAL VIEWS AND SPEAKS WITH COMPLETE AND OFF-THE-RECORD CANDOR.

PRINCE PETER HAS ALSO BEEN AN OUTSTANDING EXPLORER. HE HAS CARRIED OUT EXPEDITIONS IN AFGHANISTAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN INDIA AND IS NOW PREPARING FOR AN EXPEDITION TO TIBET AND MONGOLIA.

PRINCESS IRENE IS A CHARMING YOUNG WOMAN OF SOME TALENT HERSELF AND HAS ACCOMPANIED THE PRINCE ON HIS EXPEDITIONS IN THE FIELD AS WELL AS WORKING WITH HIM DURING THE WAR.

There will be a meeting of the Nominating Committee on Thursday, April First at the home of Henry Noble Hall, 150 East 49th St. Suggestions for the officers and Governors of the club for the coming year should be sent to John Barkham, chairman, or one of the other members of the committee - Clyde Brown, Thomas B. Morgan, Henry Noble Hall, Adelaide Kerr or Craig Thompson. (See Who's Who for addresses and telephone numbers.)

Joseph B. Phillips, Foreign Editor of Newsweek, will leave on April 14th for a three months' survey trip to Europe. Mrs. Phillips will accompany him.

Eleanor Packard sailed this week on the S. S. Sobieski for Italy to join her husband, Reynolds Packard, who is writing a book in Capri. She is taking some friendly greetings from the club to our members in Rome at the Stampa Esteria.

On Friday, March 26, several members gathered to meet and talk with General Mark Clark, head of the Presidio in California and General Tate, formerly U.S. Commander in Vienna. General Clark was accompanied by Colonel Stanley Grogan and the two were in mufti. They were on their way to a special meeting of the six regional commanders called by General Bradley in Washington.

The General, invited to the club by Tom Johnson, told an amusing story (hitherto unpublished) of an incident with General Marshall while Clark was Commanding General of the 15th Army Group in Italy. Marshall wired Clark that he would visit headquarters in Italy soon and required transport but "NO HONORS". Gen. Clark replied that transport had been arranged and a few simple honors. Marshall immediately sent a message "See last line my message. Repeat no honors, I mean no honors."

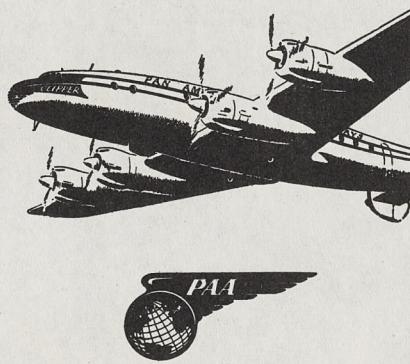
When Gen. Marshall arrived, Clark had lined up a squad from each of 15 different nations under his command. Marshall's mood was not of the sweetest but as he spoke to the men of every nation, he finally turned to Clark and said "I now understand why you have violated my instructions but I am very glad you did." Clark wanted to give the General some idea of the difficulties confronting him in Italy with the various troops under his command.

Joe Barnes, foreign editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, has been a weekly commuter to Washington these days. He is copy reading, along with Ken McCormick of Doubleday, the memoirs of General Eisenhower who is writing every word himself.

Lewis Bowen, associate editor of the Gallup Poll, has put the club on the mailing list so that the results of the latest Gallup polls are received regularly for members.

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Edward R. Murrow of the Columbia Broadcasting Company will leave for Europe on April 10th to cover the Italian elections. He will return about the first of May, after a quick trip around Western Europe.

H. V. Kaltenborn of the National Broadcasting Company will fly to California this week to take part in the "Babe Ruth" movie, the scenario of which was written by President Considine. He will be pictured in the film broadcasting his news comments.

Ben Gross, radio and television editor and columnist of the News, has written a series based on the life of M. H. Aylesworth, first President of NBC. It will start running in Collier's on April 9th. Gross is also planning a book composed of his Sunday edition interviews with radio stars in dialogue form... His television program "Stars in Your Eyes" will be featured on the News television station WPIX starting in June.

Dean Carl Ackerman of the Columbia School of Journalism has sent his congratulations on the "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence". He writes that this is a reference book which has been needed for a long time and praises the club on both the idea and the result.

Everett Vilander, formerly in England for the United Press, is moving from the World Desk of the Associated Press to the cable desk of the N.Y. Herald Tribune.

Don Huth, formerly of the Associated Press in India, has returned to New York where he will be assigned to the World Desk of the AP.

Newton Edgers, who is with the Foreign Broadcast Information Service in Tokyo, has been with that organization for the past five years, serving in Washington, Portland, San Francisco, Hawaii, Guam and Kauai, T.H. The FBIS office in Tokyo is directly under Washington and not accredited to SCAP.

Floyd Taylor, director of the American Press Institute at Columbia University, has been named secretary of the Advisory Board of the API for the academic year 1948-49. Paul C. Smith of the "San Francisco Chronicle" has been elected to the Board to serve till 1950.

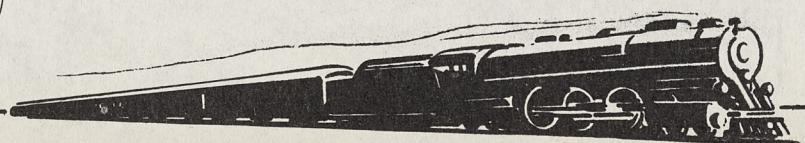
Morris Appelman of the Overseas News Agency, who returned recently from a tour of South Africa, says that Port Elizabeth is the most exciting city of the Union because of its pioneering in municipal housing, free medical services and care of the aged and infirm.

Henry J. Taylor's two major talks - made on his regular program ("Dreamland of the World" and "Profits and Progress") have been printed in booklet form by General Motors for distribution.

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Benjamin Cohen, assistant secretary general of the United Nations, is representing the Secretary General at the UN Freedom of Information Conference which opened in Geneva last week. Cohen said, before leaving, that he did not expect any dramatic results from the convention.

John Gunther's engagement to Jane Vandercook, former wife of John W. Vandercook, was announced recently. The date of the wedding was not given in the press. Mrs. Vandercook is an editor of Duell, Sloan and Pearce, of New York.

Sydney Moseley who returned several weeks ago from Europe has moved down to Asbury Park from New York, which was much too noisy for sleeping, according to Sydney.

Ruth Cowan, President of the Women's National Press Club in Washington, is busy preparing for the annual dinner of the club on April 3rd when Rebecca West will receive the international award in journalism.

William Shirer, columnist and commentator, has been named a judge of books for medium age children in the twelfth annual Children's Spring Book Festival of the N.Y. Herald Tribune. Hill is the father of two girls.

Bernard Estes is writing a commentary and report on the motion picture industry entitled "The Cycle of Dilemmas". In this field of writing, Estes' Fortune story on television and short wave broadcasting, although written before the war, is still a "must" in the network libraries.

Stanley Ross, editor and publisher of a new Dominican daily called "El Caribe", has announced from Ciudad Trujillo that the paper will make its debut on April 14th with one of the largest editions in Latin American newspaper history.

Ruth Karpf sailed last week from Europe for a six months' junket "behind the iron curtain" and Palestine. Her route will go from England to France, then Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania and Yugoslavia. She will return in October.

Dennis McEvoy, director of Asiatic operations for The Reader's Digest, has arrived in Tokyo via Honolulu. McEvoy, who is the son of another member, J.P. McEvoy, married Nan Tucker in San Francisco on March 5th. According to OPC members at the N.Y. Herald Tribune where Miss Tucker worked, Dennis carried off his beautiful prize right away from rugged (we almost used the word 'stiff') competition from that paper's staff.

Jack Hooley writes from Station WHAM in Rochester, N.Y. that the OPC should be the avenue of direct contact with home for correspondents overseas, who sometimes feel, despite the efforts of the home office, that they are at the end of the line. Hooley also regrets that some of the Tokyo club were "browned" off at Bob Brumby's statement published in the Bulletin altho their answer to the charges was also published.

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John Barkham, who is putting in full time on book reviewing, writes that in the "Who's Who" of the club, he expected to find a sort of amplified membership list but that the resultant publication belongs in every publisher's office. This is the first time, writes Barkham, that, to his knowledge, anybody has ever herded so many correspondents (contrary cusses) between two covers and that the publication should become a standard reference book.

Merrill "Red" Mueller, winner of the award for "the best reporting of foreign news by radio", writes from the NBC office in London his appreciation of the award from his fellow club members. He feels that the excellent work of George Polk (CBS) and John Donovan (NBC), both in Palestine, made them runners-up in this division for 1947 only because Red had a broader field for news to work with in London. The watch is being brought to Mueller on a friend's wrist. Otherwise there would be a forty percent duty and one hundred per cent purchase tax on its evaluation, writes "Red".

BELATED THANKS WITH REFERENCE TO THE DINNER GO TO OUR PRINTER, THE SPINNER PRESS, FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK ON THE CLUB "WHO'S WHO" AND TO HALE ASSOCIATES, OUR MIMEOGRAPHERS, FOR THEIR WORK AND TO ROMANOFF CAVIAR FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CLUB PARTY FOLLOWING THE BANQUET IN THE CLUB SUITE.

Manuel Komroff, Wythe Williams and William Ingram represented the club at the funeral of Will Irwin.

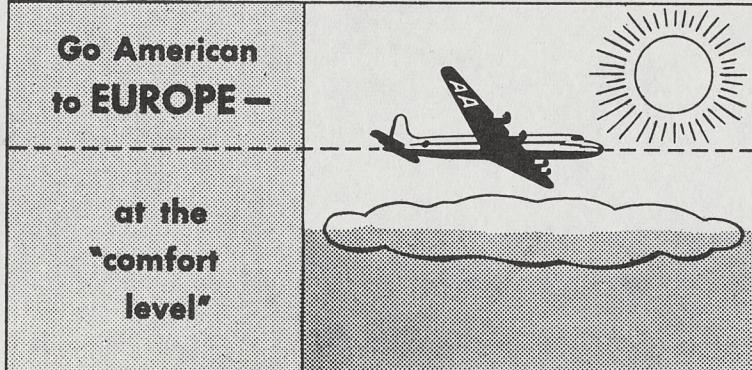
More than eighty members and their guests gathered on March 24th to hear Landrum Bolling of the Overseas News Agency speak on Germany. Bolling sailed immediately after the luncheon to rejoin his post in Germany for the ONA. Egbert White, Vice President, presided.

Dr. Rudolph Mueller, who had been brought to this country by the N.Y. Herald Tribune for their High School Forum, deplored the fact that many Americans covering Germany do not know the language. Mueller felt that socialism as a theory is finished and that in the dilemma of the world and many countries today, the time of the "uncommon man" has arrived and that he is the one who must find the way out, each in his own way, by independent thinking. In this social crisis of the world we must find the equitable solution.

Landrum Bolling reiterated what other OPC members returning from Germany have said about our paying too little attention to propaganda for democracy among the Germans whereas the Russians are availaing themselves of every opportunity to influence the thinking of the people. Bolling feels that if Germany falls into the hands of the Russians, it will be the fault of the western powers and also of General Clay. He asserted that the Russians and the Western Allies are struggling for German public opinion and that the Russians are blocking every effort to integrate Germany's economy. Even the French who have always considered their major enemy to be Germany are not objecting to the Germans getting back some semblance of economical stability as they recognize that Russia is the enemy now.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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